

**Governing Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING

Mrs. Briceno Governing Board President at 5:00p.m., called the special meeting to order.

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Nubia Briceno, Mrs. Susan Doucet & Mr. Delson Sunn were in attendance.

Administration Present:

Kristine Morris, Superintendent

Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services

Ana M. Avalos, Director of Human Resources

Michael Welsh, Union Principal

Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services

Renee Estrella-Chavez, Dos Rios Principal

Daniel Ayala, Technology Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

The call to the public will be restricted due to social distancing guidelines, therefore, limiting the number of participants at the meeting. This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Governing Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comments will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

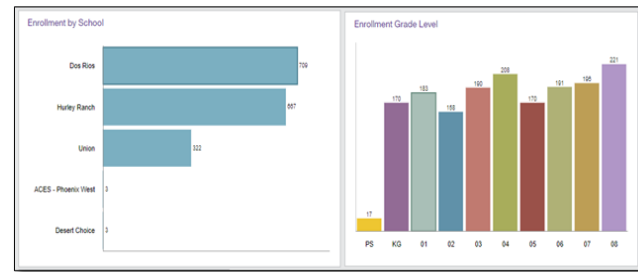
No public comments.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:

A. UESD Current Events Summary

Below is a summary of information presented during Superintendent Current Events at Thursday's Board meeting.

This week marks the mid-way point of the first quarter of our school year. On Friday, progress reports will be available to parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to share positive information with families about each child's progress, and to support each child who might be struggling to set goals for the end of the quarter. Thanks to our teachers, site administrators, front office managers, technology and academic services team, for ensuring our families have easy access to the information they need to help all students make academic growth and progress.



Enrollment continues to move up slowly. To the right, you can see current school enrollment, and total grade level enrollment for the district. As of 9/7/2022, we have 1704 students enrolled. Given the large exiting 8th grade class from last year that had 248 students, and the lower enrollment of new Kindergarten students, we still remain below last year's total enrollment.

Presently Dos Rios has the most enrolled students at 709. This is not exactly what we have been anticipating and we will be looking at enrollment patterns at Dos Rios to see what is occurring. Perhaps families are returning to Dos Rios, or there may be increased open enrollments due it being a K-8. It will be something we will be looking at in the months to come. This does leave us some room for growth at Hurley Ranch and Union Elementary while we wait to see the outcome of the upcoming bond and override elections.

With a few exceptions, class sizes remain fairly reasonable. Our District's typical class sizes historically range from 25-33. To support accelerated learning and to help strengthen relationships in classrooms, we are working to keep class sizes on the lower end of that range and staff for 25. We are still recruiting, however, it does remain difficult to find the candidates we need.

	Dos Rios		Hurley Ranch		Union Elementary		Positions Recruiting For
	Enrollment	Class Size	Enrollment	Class Size	Enrollment	Class Size	
K	64	21			106	27	
1	73	24			109	22	
2	68	23			90	26	
3	83	28	107	27			2
4	95	32**	110	28			3
5	66	22	102	26			
6	79	26	108	22			
7***	92	23	104	24			
8***	88	22	133	33			1*
Special Areas							1-Art or Music & 1 Band

*International Candidate may fill this position. ***Some positions have been filled by international candidates who are in route.

** Currently has additional paraprofessional for class size reduction.

Relative to COVID, Maricopa County Community Level remains LOW. Our internal numbers are also relatively low with few cases identified through pooled testing or reported from families.

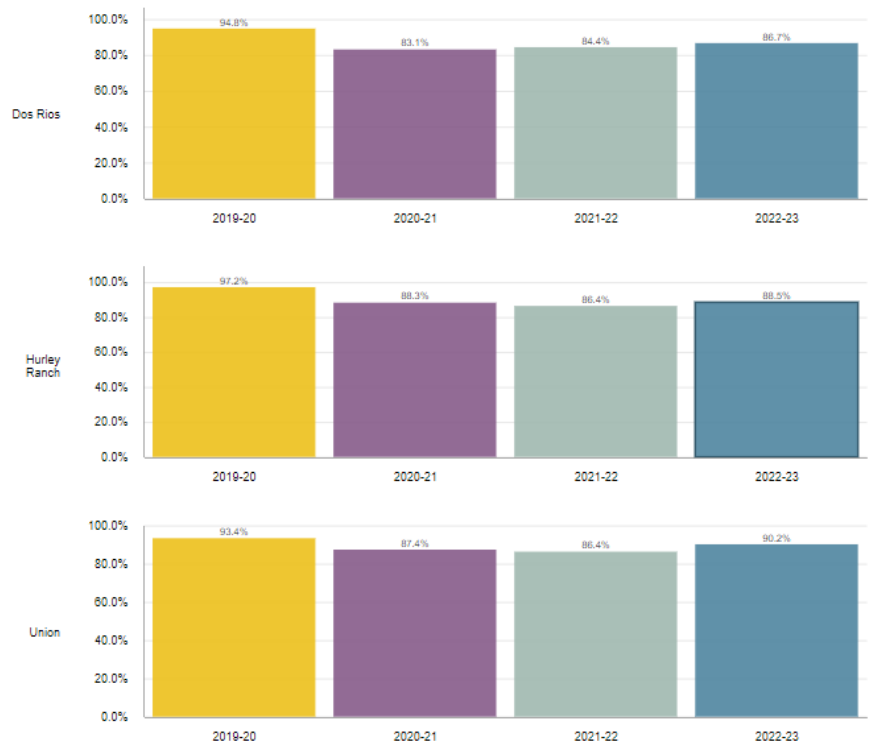
Confirmed Positive During 2022-2023 School Year In Person-Students Total				
Week Of	Number Of Students & Staff	Percent Of Students	Percent Of Staff	Percent Of All In Person
1-Aug	6	0.12%	2.16%	0.32%
8-Aug	5	0.12%	1.62%	0.26%
15-Aug	3	0.00%	1.62%	0.16%
22-Aug	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
29-Aug	3	0.18%	0.00%	0.16%
5-Sep	2	0.12%	0.00%	0.11%

With COVID numbers dropping, our teams are putting energy into reengaging families on the importance of school attendance. As you know, if students are not in school, they don't learn what we are teaching. It is wonderful to see attendance percentages at higher rates than in the prior 2 years. Dos Rios is up to 86.7%, Hurley Ranch to 88.5% and Union at 90.2%. Ideally these rates are at the 95-96%, however, to get there we have to turn the pattern around and our teams are working to do just that!

In addition to improving on attendance, our schools are engaging our families through a variety of activities. Whether through increased positive communications between home and school, as highlighted by Union Elementary, increased messaging to families and PTO activities at Dos Rios, or the upcoming PTO Fall Festival at Hurley Ranch, each campus is reintroducing activities to build back strong communication and connections between home and school!

Thanks to our teachers, administrators, staff, and families for working together to create schools where students and families thrive😊!

Attendance % by School and School Year



VII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the consent items. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2022
- B. Approval of Personnel Consent List
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of Accounts Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of Student Activity Accounts
- F. Approval of Gifts and Donations
- G. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Read Better Be Better

Superintendent Morris introduced Ms. Tonia Immel as the new UESD Executive Director of Business Services, as approved through the Consent Agenda by the Governing Board.

VIII. PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

- A. Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment- Presentation by Ms. Melanie Block

Q: Mrs. Doucet asked what we believe happen that affected the 3rd grade stats.

A: Ms. Block responded that we did have a 1 model approach, but we also knew that our data was lower in our early childhood sections. In the examples provide it does show that our 3rd graders went from 20% to 26% so the cohort shows growth, but the grade level went backwards.

Q: Mrs. Briceno asked if what we are adopting tonight should also help improve our math scores.

A: Ms. Block responded that our approach is changing as last year we had strong COVID mitigations. This year with the help of the playbooks which have been built around our curriculum we believe will make an impact to what our kids are learning. Ms. Morris also added that student attendance could really influence learning. Especially math since its critical that the student is in class doing the work and learning the material.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to adopt the First Reading of Policy Advisories.
Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

B. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adopt approve the Reclassification of Positions.
Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

Q: Mrs. Briceno asked if these changes would go into effect immediately or if they would receive retro pay.

A: Mrs. Avalos responded this change was becoming effective immediately but not

X. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to convene into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03, concerning the discussion of Superintendents Goals.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Briceno seconded by Mrs. Doucet, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Vote was unanimous.
Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

Governing Board Member

Date